

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY15 Certified Organic

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> FY15 Certified Organic		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. a Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Transition to Organic Plan (138)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Quality Degradation: Maximum 60 points.	
2. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of one or more soil quality or enhancing practice(s) that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion: Maximum of 60 points	
3. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will result in reduction of erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation: Maximum of 70 points.	
4. a Does the EQIP Schedule of operations include implementation of practices for the management of noxious and invasive species ONLY on “non-cropland” acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of Nutrient management for management of soil fertility, plant nutrients, and soil amendments?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Habitat : Maximum of 90 points	
5. a Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminates from entering the farm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators and/or beneficial insects?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will improve wildlife habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Insufficient Water: Maximum of 50 points.	
6. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system and/or conserve soil moisture?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Livestock Production Limitation: Maximum of 70 points	
7. a Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices to improve the management of plant species, livestock, residues, feed, and other identified resource needs?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices that limit and manage domestic livestock access to streams, creeks, and other natural water bodies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices to assure adequate domestic livestock drinking water sources (not including streams) are available in the treatment unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a conservation activity plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local-level priority category.	
1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared transition to organic plan (138)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Local Work Group identified priorities:	
1. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Bartholomew,Benton,Blackford,Boone ,Cass,Crawford,Dearborn,Decatur,Fayette,Floyd,Franklin,Gibson,Green,Hendricks,Jennings,Marshall,Miami,Montgomery,Owen,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Scott,Spencer,St.Joseph,Sullivan,Union,Vanderburgh,Vigo,Warren,Washington Conc Flow:Dubois,Fountain,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Posey Streambank erosion:Delaware,Putnam Compaction:Jay,Tipton Org Matter:Fulton,Grant,Hancock,Harrison,Henry,Knox,LaGrange,Madison,Noble Nutrients:Adams,Allen,Clinton,Daviess,DeKalb,Elkhart,Howard,Huntington,Jasper,Johnson,Lake,LaPorte,Marion,Martin,Newton,Orange,Porter,Randolph,Shelby,Steuben,Tippecanoe,Wayne ,Wells,White Sediment:Carroll,Clay,Jefferson,Morgan,Parke,Perry,Vermillion,Warrick,Whitley Plant Productivity:Brown,Jackson,Lawrence,Monroe Plant Pest Pressure:Clark,Rush,Starke Livestock Water:Ohio,Switzerland 14-digit priority w/s:Wabash-Beargrass Creek (05120104050040)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clay,Clinton,Daviess,Delaware,Fountain,Hamilton,Harrison,Huntington,Jefferson,Johnson,Knox,Morgan,Posey,Switzerland,Tippecanoe,Vermillion,Wayne,Whitley Conc Flow:Benton,Hancock,Pike,Union,Vanderburgh,Washington Streambank erosion:Franklin,Owen Compaction:Fayette,LaGrange ,Marshall OrgMatter:Blackford,Boone,Elkhart,Jasper,LaPorte,Pulaski,Putnam,Rush,St.Joseph,Vigo,Wabash,Warren Nutrients:Bartholomew,Carroll,Cass,Clark,Decatur,Floyd,Fulton,Gibson,Hendricks,Henry,Montgomery,Noble,Parke,Starke,Sullivan,Tipton Sediment:DeKalb,Dubois,Green,Howard,Lake,Marion,Martin,Newton,Ripley,Shelby,Spencer,Steuben,White Pathogens:Miami,Randolph Pesticides:Grant,Madison Plant Productivity:Adams,Allen,Crawford,Dearborn,Ohio,Perry,Scott,Warrick,Wells Inad. Structure:Porter Habitat Deg:Brown,Jackson,Jennings Livestock Water:Lawrence,Monroe Livestock F/F:Orange GHGs:Jay,Kosciusko	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Adams,Howard,Jackson,Lake,LaPorte, Monroe,Parke,Wells Conc Flow:Crawford,Fayette,Gibson,Harrison,Henry,Marion ,Porter,Warrick Streambank erosion:Carroll,Jennings,Steuben,Wayne Compaction :Allen,Blackford,Boone,Cass,Pulaski,Rush,Union OrgMatter:Benton,Daviess,DeKalb,Floyd,Fountain,Green,Hendricks,Marshall,Martin,Montgomery,Newton,Ohio,Owen,Spencer,Sullivan,Vanderburgh Ponding, Flooding, Sea water table:Starke Nutrients:Clay,Delaware,Dubois,Hancock,Jay,Jefferson,LaGrange,Morgan,Pike,Ripley,Scott,Vermillion,Wabash,Washington Sediment:Bartholomew,Clinton,Dearborn,Decatur,Elkhart,Franklin,Grant,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Madison,Miami,Posey,Switzerland,Tippecanoe,Tipton,Vigo,Warren Pathogens:Fulton,Huntington Pesticides:Noble,Shelby,White Plant Productivity:Knox,Whitley Pest Pressure:Lawrence,Perry,Putnam,Randolph Inad Structure:Brown Habitat Deg:Clark,Jasper,St.Joseph Livestock Water:Johnson, Orange	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Allen,Henry,Jasper,Newton,Ohio,Starke Conc Flow:Carroll,Decatur,Green,Putnam,Randolph,Ripley ,Sullivan,White Streambank Erosion:Cass,Clark,Jefferson,Rush Compaction:Grant,Hancock,Lake,Madison,Martin,Noble,Scott,Switzerland,Vanderburgh OrgMatter:Bartholomew,Clay,Clinton,Crawford,Delaware,Huntington,Jennings,Parke,Perry,Posey,Steuben,Tippecanoe,Vermillion,Washington,Wayne Ineff Use of Irr Water:Fulton Ponding, Flooding, Sea water table:Owen Nutrients:Boone,Fayette,Franklin,Hamil	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

ton,Knox,Kosciusko,Marshall,Miami,Monroe,Pulaski, Spencer,St.Joseph,Union,Vigo,Warren,Warrick Sedi ment:Benton,Blackford,Fountain,Gibson,Hendricks,J ohnson,LaPorte,Lawrence,Pike Pathogens:Adams,Elk hart,Wells Pesticides:DeKalb,LaGrange,Montgomery Plant Productivity:Daviess,Floyd,Harrison,Howard,Jay,Ora nge,Wabash Pest Pressure:Brown Inad structure:Whitley Habitat Deg:Marion,Porter,Tipton Livestock F/F:Dearborn,Dubois,Jackson Energy Field Operations:Shelby GHGs:Morgan	
5. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Brown,Hancock,Marion,Shelby Conc Flow:Clinton,Floyd,Perry,Vigo Streambank Erosion:Tipton Compaction:Adams,Benton,Carroll,Cl ark,Daviess,Harrison,Jackson,Kosciusko,Posey,Spen cer,Washington,Wells,White OrgMatter:Decatur,Fay ette,Franklin,Gibson,Hamilton,Jay,Lake,Miami,Monr oe,Ripley,Union,Warrick,Whitley use of Irr Water:Newton, Pulaski Ineff Moist mgmt:Boone Nutrients:Fountain,Grant,Greene,Lawren ce,Madison,Ohio,Vanderburgh Sediment:Fulton,Henr y,Huntington,Jennings,Knox,Montgomery,Porter,Putn am,Sullivan,Wabash Pathogens:Jasper Pesticides: Parke,Rush,Starke,Warren Plant prod:Johnson,LaGrange,Noble,Owen Pest Pressure:Crawford,Howard,Jefferson,LaPorte,Marshal l,Orange,Pike,St.Joseph,Tippecanoe Inad. Structure:Vermillion Habitat Deg:DeKalb,Delaware,Scott,Steuben Livestock Water:Clay,Dearborn,Dubois,Wayne Livestock F/F:Blackford,Elkhart,Martin,Morgan,Switzerland P M:Cass GHGs:Allen,Hendricks Odors:Randolph 14- digit w/s:Bartholomew-Little Sand Creek(0512020602)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Sheet,Rill,Wind:LaGrange,Porter,Steuben Conc Flow:Jasper,Knox Streambank Erosion:Bartholomew,Hamilton,Lake,Starke,White Co mpaction:Clinton,Decatur,Elkhart,Fountain,Fulton, Hendricks,Johnson,Miami,Ohio,Parke,Vermillion,War ren,Whitley Org Matter:Adams,Clark,Dearborn,Kosciusko,Marion,Rando lph,Shelby,Wells Subsidence:Noble ineff use irr water:LaPorte Ponding/Flooding:Spencer,Tipton in eff moist mgmt:Putnam Nutrients:Benton,Brown,Harrison,Jenni ngs,Perry,Posey,Rush Sediment:Daviess,Delaware,F ayette,Jackson,Marshall,Orange,Vanderburgh,Wayne Pathogens:Allen,Jay,Wabash Pesticides:Dubois P lant prod:Boone,DeKalb,Huntington,Morgan,Newton,Sulliva n,Union,Vigo Pest Pressure:Cass,Floyd,Franklin,Gibson,Hancock,Scott inad. structure:Monroe Habitat Deg:Greene,Henry,Howard,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Switze rland,Tippecanoe LS water:Blackford,Crawford,Jefferson,Montgomery,Owen ,Washington LS F/F:Grant,Lawrence,Madison,St.Joseph LS shelter:Martin Energy field ops: Carroll PM: Warrick GHGs:Clay	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clark,Fulton,Warrick Conc Flow:Clay,Lake,Montgomery,Spencer,Tippecanoe,Wabas h Streambank erosion:Greene,Morgan,Scott,Vigo Compaction:DeKal b,Franklin,Henry,Newton,Steuben,Wayne Org Matter:Brown,Howard,Jefferson Salts:Starke ineff use of irr water:St.Joseph ponding/flooding:Grant,Madison,Mi ami,Ohio ineff. moist. mgmt:Knox Nutrients:Blackford,Dearborn,Whitley S ediment:Adams,Floyd,Jay,LaGrange,Pulaski,Washingt on,Wells Pathogens:Carroll,Lawrence,Orange,Porte r Pesticides:Allen,Benton,Fountain,Hendricks,Hun tington,Perry,Posey,Tipton,Vanderburgh plant prod:Cass,Decatur,Delaware,Dubois,Jennings,Koscius ko,Putnam,Switzerland,Warren pest pressure:Elkhart,Hamilton,Johnson,Owen inad structure:Martin,Parke Habitat Deg:Bartholomew,Clinton,Hancock,LaPorte,Monroe,She lby LS water:Daviess,Fayette,Jackson,Jasper,Rush,Union L S F/F:Boone,Crawford,Harrison,Marshall,Noble,Pike,Ra ndolph,Ripley Energy Field ops:Marion GHGs:Gibson,Sullivan,Vermillion,White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Noble Conc Flow:Grant,Jennings,Madison,Orange,Wayne,Whitley Compaction:Dearborn,Delaware,Gibson,Huntington,Je fferson,Randolph,Sullivan,Tippecanoe,Vigo,Warrick Org Matter:Allen,Dubois,Lawrence,Morgan,Pike ineff use of irr water:Elkhart,Posey,Starke,Steuben ponding/floodi ng:Jackson,Perry,Scott ineff moist. mgmt:Benton Nutrients:Switzerland Sediment:Boone ,Jasper,Rush,Union Pathogens:Howard,Marion Pest icides:Bartholomew,Blackford,Clinton,Henry,Kosciu sko,LaPorte,Pulaski plant prod:Clark,Fayette,Greene,Hendricks,Martin,Ripley pest pressure:Adams,Clay,Fountain,LaGrange,Lake,Newton, Tipton,Warren,Wells inad structure:Crawford,Wabash habitat deg:Decatur,Hamilton,Miami,Ohio,Owen,Parke,Putnam, Vermillion,Washington LS water:Franklin,Harrison,Shelby,Spencer,St.Joseph,V anderburgh LS F/F:Carroll,Daviess,Floyd,Monroe,Montgomery Energ y Equip/Fac:Porter Energy Field ops:Cass,White PM:Johnson GHGs:Brown,DeKalb,Hanc ock,Knox,Marshall odors:Fulton,Jay	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Dubois,Grant,Lawrence,Madison,Mart in,Perry Conc Flow:Hendricks,Miami,Warren,Shelby Streambank erosion:Decatur,Jasper,Pulaski Compaction:Jenning s,Monroe,Montgomery,Putnam Ponding/Flooding:Dear born,Delaware,Lake,Pike,Steuben ineff moist	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

mgmt:Kosciusko Nutrients:Crawford,Jackson Sediment:Brown,Clark,Hancock,Randolph,Scott Pathogens: Benton,LaPorte Pesticides:Daviess,Howard,Newton, Ohio,Tippecanoe,Union plant prod:Bartholomew,Clay,Elkhart,Fountain,Henry,Parke ,Spencer,Vanderburgh,Wayne,White pest pressure:Clinton,Fulton,Green,Harrison,Morgan,Switzerland,Vermillion inad. structure:DeKalb,Noble,Owen Habitat deg:Allen,Gibson,Jefferson,Johnson,Marshall,Starke LS water:Cass,Floyd,Hamilton,Porter,Ripley,Sullivan,Vigo LS F/F:Fayette,Franklin,Jay,Marion,Wabash,Washington Energy Equip/Fac:LaGrange,Orange Energy Field Ops:Boone,Knox GHGs:Adams,Blackford,Huntington,Posey,Rush,St.Joseph,Tipton,Warrick,Wells,Whitley odors:Carroll	
10. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Kosciusko,Orange,Rush Conc Flow:Bartholomew,Dearborn,DeKalb,Martin,Switzerland Streambank erosion:Crawford,Miami,Newton,Warren Compaction:Brown,Clay,Green,Harrison,Jasper,Porter,Ripley Org Matter:Scott Ineff use of irr water:Knox,Marion,Marshall ponding/flooding:Pulaski Sediment:Allen,Noble,St.Joseph Pathogens:Clinton,Ohio,Shelby,Tippecanoe,Tipton,White Pesticides:Clark,Decatur,Fayette,Jay,Owen,Vermillion,Warrick plant prod:Blackford,Carroll,Gibson,Hancock,Jefferson,Montgomery,Randolph,Steuben pest pressure:Delaware,Hendricks,Jackson,Jennings,Parke ,Sullivan,Vigo,Washington inad structure:Daviess,Harrison,Howard habitatdeg:Benton,Boone,Cass,Elkhart,Floyd,Fountain,Franklin,Huntington,Lake,Lawrence,Morgan,Posey,Spencer,Wells, Wabash LS F/F:Adams,Fulton,LaPorte,Perry,Putnam,Union,Wayne, Whitley Energy field ops:Grant,Johnson,LaGrange,Madison PM:Dubois,Hamilton,Starke GHGs:Henry,Monroe,Pike,Vanderburgh	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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